



CITY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

5:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting

Agenda

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I. Budget Review Public Works

- Operations
- Engineering
- Liquid Fuels
- WWTP
 - Sewers and Sewers Fund Retail
- Storm Sewers
- Solid Waste
- Shade Tree

II. Other

**Monthly Department of Fire and Rescue Services
Report to City Council
Director/Chief: James Stoudt Jr
Date: September 27, 2022**

I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS – Nine members of the department will be recognized for heroism at incidents in 2021 at the Lehigh Valley Burn Foundation Preferred Spirit of Courage Award banquet on Tuesday October 18 at Lehigh Valley Hospital Muhlenberg – Bethlehem, PA.

II. I will be attending the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial service the weekend of October 7-9 at the National Fire Academy. Firefighter/EMT Mark “Dewey” Kulp whom we lost to COVID on January 5, 2021 will be honored. I will serve as an escort for his family throughout the weekend.

III. Firefighter James “Corky” Lerch Jr whom we lost on October 28, 2020 to job related cancer was honored at the IAFF Fallen firefighters Memorial in Colorado Springs, CO on September 17. His wife was in attendance and escorted by FF/EMT Corbin Keiser, who described the weekend as very humbling and moving.

IV. ON-GOING PROJECTS -

☑ 9th and Marion Station – Construction is still moving forward ,again with a completion set for Mid - December

☑ Capital improvement projects for stations are in progress.

☑ Training on the new Tower Ladder Truck is continuing and the truck should be in service as Tower 1 the weekend of October 8.

☑ Work is being done to place the order in conjunction with the Muhlenberg Township Fire Department for our hose replacement through a federal grant.

V. Fire and EMS Responses for the Month of – August 2022

Total Responses by the EMS Units -

Total- 1767

Mutual Aid from County Units - 93

Mutual Aid to County - 63

Naloxone Events - 23

Total Response for Fire Apparatus – 611 (two 2nd Alarm)

Firefighter Injuries - 1 minor burns

Civilian Injuries - 20 minor (YMCA)

Noteworthy responses:

August 5 – MCI event at the YMCA due to a chemical mix up. 20 civilians transported by City and County EMS units for minor exposure. Situation was contained by FD personnel. EMS station was used as a shelter for the children that were evacuated.

August 13 – Fire involving 3 cars, 3 garages, 4 homes rear of 300 Block N.9th St and 4 homes in the 300 block of Cedar Street. 2 alarms with the bulk of the fire knocked down quickly by the 18 FF on duty.

Kudos to them and the Chiefs for containing what was a massive fire upon arrival.

VI. Office of the Fire Marshal Updates for the Month of – August 2022

☑ Inspections – 61

☑ Plan Reviews – 12

☑ Fire investigations – 9

Apologies for not submitting a full department report for the year 2021. I will have one completed for 2022 in early 2023. Here is general call information for 2021.

Total Fire calls = 7,253

Structure Fires = 114

Vehicle fires = 37

Motor vehicle accidents = 711

Haz Mat = 208

False calls = 131

Total EMS calls = 18,332

Missed EMS = 870

Narcan events = 360 with 540 requiring intervention (x2) or more

Civilian injures = 25

Civilian deaths = 6

Firefighter injuries = 19

Total Fire loss = \$586,100.00

Respectfully submitted,

James Stoudt Jr

Fire Chief